

Home Conservation Checklist

Is my family green-minded? Are we doing everything we can to help the environment?

INSTRUCTIONS: Place a check next to the items that your family already does to help the environment.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

- ___ Uses energy efficient windows and doors
- ___ Uses energy efficient appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher, water heater, heat, air, etc.)
- ___ Turns lights off when leaving a room
- ___ Turns air conditioner and heater temperatures to reasonable settings
- ___ Leaves few electronic items on when leaving home
- ___ Uses energy efficient light bulbs

WATER CONSERVATION

- ___ Uses water efficient appliances
- ___ Uses water efficient commodes
- ___ Does not use commode as trash can (flushing a bug, flushing facial tissue, etc.)
- ___ Conserves water when bathing: reasonable water levels in tub and short shower times
- ___ Turns water off when brushing teeth or shaving
- ___ Does not use kitchen sink for washing grease or other oily substances down the drain
- ___ Does not wash car/truck in the yard or driveway

GASOLINE CONSERVATION

- ___ Uses a hybrid automobile
- ___ Uses an economy car that gets reasonable gas mileage
- ___ Carpools as often as possible
- ___ Runs errands on same car trip (not multiple car trips for several errands)

RECYCLES

- ___ Recycles aluminum cans
- ___ Recycles plastic bags
- ___ Recycles plastic jugs/bottles
- ___ Recycles glass jars/bottles
- ___ Recycles newspaper

GREEN-MINDED ACTIONS

- ___ Composts food waste/leftovers for lawn or garden
- ___ Grows a vegetable or herb garden
- ___ Grows a butterfly garden or other habitat for living things
- ___ Makes toys, crafts, and/or art from recycled or natural materials
- ___ Does not litter and picks up litter
- ___ Uses recycled home building/repair materials
- ___ Does not use harmful chemicals in the yard (can drain into ground water and hurt living things)
- ___ Plants trees when possible

Score: (25-30, green-minded; 18-24, trying to become green-minded; 17 or less, needs to conserve, recycle, reduce, reuse, and plant to become green-minded)